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Regional Meeting for the Initiation of
a Regional Network for Microelectronics
in the ECLAC Region (REMLAC)*

Caracas, Venezuela, 3-7 June 1985

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting.
(Statements will be made by representatives of UNIDO, SELA, ECLAC, UNDP and the Government of Venezuela.)
2. Election of the office bearers.
(The participants may elect a Chairman and a Rapporteur from among themselves.)
3. Adoption of the agenda.
(The provisional agenda is contained in document ID/WG.440/8.)
4. Exchange of information on national activities and plans in microelectronics and offers and requirements of regional co-operation.
(Each national participant may make a brief statement about the present and proposed activities in microelectronics in his country and also indicate what his country expects in terms of regional co-operation and what it can offer to such co-operation. Country participants have been requested to bring to the meeting a paper describing their national activities.)

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5. Background to the establishment of the network.

(The UNIDO Secretariat will explain the background. The background can also be seen from the Aide Memoire and the report of the expert mission ID/WG.440/6.)

6. Establishment of a network and the provisional modalities of its operation on a pilot basis.

(a) Structure of the network.

(The meeting is expected to establish the network on a pilot basis. Proposals on its structure and provisional modalities of operation are contained in document ID/WG/440/3.)

(b) Considerations for elaborating and implementing a programme of the network.

(The meeting is expected to identify the key elements in a programme of work in sufficient specificity and detail so that its elaboration into concrete projects could be undertaken after the meeting. Suggestions in this regard are made in document ID/WG.440/4. The meeting may also consider some interim activities in addition to those to be discussed under agenda item 8, particularly those which would not require substantial financial resources.)

(c) Identification of national focal points for the network.

(Country participants are requested to indicate the willingness of their governments to participate in the network and to indicate national focal points, if possible.)

(d) Identification of regional nodes for co-operation.

(The meeting may consider the modalities for identification of regional nodes and also any specific proposals by the participating countries. In this connection it may be noted that the Fundacion Instituto Ingenieria, Caracas, has been proposed as a regional node.)

7. Some initial issues for discussion:

(The meeting may consider what regional co-operation possibilities may be identified and pursued under the items below.)

(a) Review of experience in informatics policies.

(Document ID/WG.440/5 reviews the experience of Argentina, Brazil and Mexico. As background papers the following documents have been circulated: "Microelectronics and Developing Countries" (document ID/WG.384/5/Rev.1), "The Prospects for Software Production in Developing Countries" (CRP.1) and "Survey of Government Policies in Informatics" (document UNIDO/IS.526.)

- (b) The interrelation between microelectronics and telecommunications in Latin America.

(The following documents have been circulated: ID/WG.440/2 and a conference room paper on "Approach to Regional Microelectronics Co-operation Programme".)

- (c) State of R+D and prospects for regional co-operation.

(Document ID/WG.440/5 reviews the status of R+D in selected countries in the region.)

- (d) Public purchasing policies as an instrument for microelectronics development.

(See document ID/WG.440/1. The documents on the interrelation between microelectronics and telecommunication at (b) above are also relevant.)

- (e) Arrangements for information exchange among network participants.

(The meeting may consider several activities of information exchange and also using existing channels to the extent possible. Co-operation in technology monitoring may also be considered. In this connection, document UNIDO/IS.531 dealing with technology monitoring in Argentina may be seen as an example of a national effort.)

8. Follow-up actions.

(The meeting is expected to discuss and agree upon follow-up actions to sustain and increase network activities .)

9. Adoption of the report.